THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (d) The Himachal Pradesh Public Moneys (Recovery of Dues) Bill, 1996 for making suitable provision in the Himachal Pradesh Public Moneys (Recovery of Dues) Act, 1973 (Principal Act), was received in the Ministry of Home Affairs on 7th October, 1996 for obtaining the administrative approval of the Government of India before its introduction in the State Legislature. Clarifications on certain provisions of the Bill have been sought from the State Government.

Pension and DA arrears to PNB and UCO Bank Employees

999. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH SURYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employees of PNB and UCO Bank are facing difficulty in getting the pensions and DA arrears announced from time to time;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there are any guidelines/direction for clearing the pensions and arrears in these banks;

(d) if not, by when these would be issued; and

(e) whether there is any monitoring mechanism for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) According to Punjab National Bank and UCO Bank, their employees are not facing any difficulty in getting their pension and DA arrears announced from time to time.

(c) and (e) Both the banks have issued their internal guidelines in this regard.

(b) and (d) Do not arise.